Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I cannot think that the slump in the silk market has adversely affected mulberry cultivation.

Sri K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Sir, has it come to the notice of the Government that the subsidies to sink wells are being made available only to rich people ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—No, Sir. It is made available to all the sericulturists irrespective of their economic condition.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the maximum yield per acre recorded either in a garden, Government or private ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—With regard to our Government nursery, we have already given figures.

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—What is the variety of grafts that are used for cultivation to achieve this improvement in mulberry ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Out of about 21 varieties of Japanese mulberry we have imported, we have selected four varieties after certain experiments.

Conciliation Proceedings between Hindusthan Machine Tools and their Employees' Association.

Q.—747. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Labour Department had refused to hold conciliation proceedings as required in respect of the Industrial dispute between the Management of the Hindusthan Machine Tools and their Employees' Association;

(*b*) the steps they propose to take in this matter ?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Conciliation; failing which adjudication according to the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Sir, is it not true that the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Bangalore Division, had told the parties that conciliation proceedings could not be held and thereafter he reported the matter to the Commissioner for Labour ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I do not think, my friend is right.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Do the Government consult the Government of India before referring the matter ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I have answered this point to my Hon'ble friend in another connection that there is no compulsory duty cast on the State Government to consult the Central Government.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—I am aware, Sir, but my specific question is to know the legal position.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Whenever occasion arises, if the State Government thinks it proper, it asks any employer and the Central Government also is treated like that.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—I would like to know if the Hon'ble Minister is going to consult the Central Government before referring the matter to the tribunal ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, we do not propose to consult the Central Government.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Since how long the conciliation proceedings are going on ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, I may inform the Hon'ble Member that the parties have been attempting to solve this themselves and Government do not interfere in the matter, because at the request of both parties, a chance was given to them to come to an understanding. They have not yet been able to arrive at a settlement. If they do not come to any settlement, Government will at once intervene and conciliation proceedings will be started and if conciliation fails, the dispute will be referred.